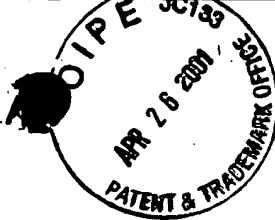


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 49, 51-52, 56, and 57-70 and add claims 71 and 72:

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71. The method of claim 39, wherein said contacting is carried out by administering said compound to a human patient suffering from a disease state characterized by inadequate lymphocyte activation or concentration

72. The method of claim 71, wherein said disease state is a neoplasm, and said CD26-bearing lymphocytes are cytolytic T cells.